

BEFORE THE ARIZONA VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

**MELANIE RETTLER, D.V.M.**

Holder of License No. 2059  
For the practice of Veterinary  
Medicine in the State of Arizona,

**Respondent.**

) **Case No.: 17-83**

) **CONSENT AGREEMENT**  
) **FINDINGS OF FACT**  
) **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**  
) **AND ORDER**

In the interest of a prompt and judicious settlement of the above captioned matter before the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board ("Board") and consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2201 et. seq. and A.R.S. § 41-1092.07 (F)(5), the undersigned party, Melanie Rettler, D.V.M. ("Respondent"), holder of license No. 2059 for the practice of veterinary medicine in Arizona and the Board enter into this Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as final disposition of this matter.

**CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Respondent understands and agrees that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2201, et. seq.

2. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement. Respondent has a right to a public hearing

1 concerning this case. She further acknowledges that at such hearing she could  
2 present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives  
3 his right to such a hearing.

4 3. Respondent irrevocably waives any right to rehearing or review or to  
5 any judicial review or any other appeal of these matters.

6 4. The Consent Agreement, once approved by the Board and signed by  
7 the Respondent, shall constitute a public record, which may be disseminated  
8 as a formal action of the Board. Sufficient evidence exists for the Board to make  
9 the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth in the Consent  
10 Agreement.

11 5. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Consent  
12 Agreement will not become effective until the Board approves it and it is signed  
13 by the Board's Executive Director. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that  
14 upon signing and returning this Consent Agreement to the Board's Executive  
15 Director, Respondent may not revoke her acceptance of the Consent  
16 Agreement or make any modifications to the document, regardless of whether  
17 the Consent Agreement has been issued by the Executive Director.

18 6. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or  
19 otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Order in its entirety shall remain  
20 in force and effect.

21 7. Respondent acknowledges that any violation of this Consent  
22 Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2232 and  
23 may result in disciplinary action pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2234.

24 8. This Consent Agreement and Order is effective on the date signed by  
25 the Board.

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3 DATED this 15 day of May 2017.

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5 Melanie Rettler DVM  
6 Melanie Rettler, D.V.M.

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8 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

9 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and  
10 control of the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Arizona.

11 2. Respondent holds license No. 2059 for the practice of veterinary  
12 medicine in the State of Arizona.

13 3. On March 3, 2017, Respondent's 2017 – 2018 veterinary renewal  
14 application with payment was received at the Board office.

15 4. It was noted that Respondent completed five (5) of the 20 hours of  
16 continuing education required in March 2017. The 20 hours of continuing  
17 education to renew Respondent's veterinary license was not completed in the  
18 two-year period preceding license expiration as required.

19 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

20 5. The Findings of Fact constitute a violation of A.R.S. §32-2232 (18) as it  
21 relates to A.A.C. R3-11-401 (A) failure to complete 20 credit hours of Board-  
22 approved continuing education during the two-year (2015 – 2016) period  
23 preceding license expiration.  
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**ORDER**

1. Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is **ORDERED** that Respondent, License No. 2059, pay a **civil penalty** of **fifty dollars (\$50.00)** in the form of a **cashier's check** or **money order** made payable to the Arizona Veterinary Medical Examining Board within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

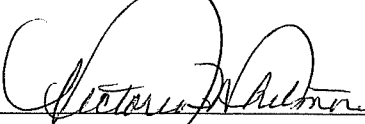
2. This Consent Agreement is conclusive evidence of the matters described and may be considered by the Board in determining an appropriate sanction in the event a subsequent violation occurs. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Consent Agreement, the Board may, after opportunity for Informal Interview or Formal Hearing, take any other appropriate disciplinary action authorized by law, including suspension or revocation of Respondent's license.

ISSUED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2017.

FOR THE BOARD:

ARIZONA STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Jim Loughhead, Chairperson

By 

Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director

Original of the foregoing filed  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017 with:

Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board  
9535 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, Ste.100  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Copy of the foregoing mailed by Certified, return receipt mail  
This 18 day of May, 2017 to:

Melanie Rettler, DVM  
Address on file  
Respondent

By:



Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director